used to be the case formerly. The order has not been properly applied. Even though the dry crops realized were of no value, full dry assessment has been recovered.

Reply of Government.—The remissions to be made during a season of severe distress will, to a great extent, depend upon the general conditions at the time and, as far as possible, the precedents of similar periods of scarcity in previous years are followed. No general rules can therefore be laid down. If the orders have not been properly applied in any case, an appeal may be made to the Revenue Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 97.

Prospects of taluk officials.

Mr. K. Shamaiengar, Channagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is generally well known that the taluk officials are very heavily worked. The small periodical increment given to them is scarcely proportionate to the heavy work they are entrusted with. It is prayed that, in consideration of the heavy work they have to do, their prospects may be improved with a more liberal provision for their salaries and chances of advancement in service.

The pay of gollars in taluk offices whose pay is Rs. 6 may be raised to Rs. 10.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti.—It is not correct to regard these gollars as apprentices learning work, for many of them who were appointed gollars several years ago still continue as such, though they are competent to be promoted to higher appointments. As a case in point, it may be mentioned that one Narasappa has been kept on for the last fifteen years as gollar without promotion and there are several more such cases.

Reply of Government.—The particular case referred to will be enquired into. Gollars are considered a part of the menial establishment of taluk offices and where such an appointment is taken up by an educated person with a view to learn work or to establish a claim for appointment to the superior service, he has to wait for his chances. The pay of the appointment cannot be increased.

SUBJECT No. 98.

Allowance to shanbhogs.

Mr. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Shanbhogs are permitted to receive survey training at their own cost. As this training is essential to them and as they are too poor to meet the cost thereof they may be given an allowance of Rs. 10 per mensem during the period of their training.

Reply of Government.—The training is not compulsory and as Government have provided these facilities merely with a view to enable shanbhogs to become better qualified for their appointments, no allowance can be given.